

# 2022

## STATE OF DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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DATE All times are Eastern (local) time	EVENT	Delaware Code, Title 15 Section reference(s) (unless otherwise stated)
December 31, 2021	Campaign Finance Year-End Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8002(11)(a)(1) § 8030(b)(1)
January 1, 2022	Department of Elections County Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2022 Primary and General Elections.	§ 5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2022 through July 15, 2022	Persons running as unaffiliated with a political party may begin to circulate petitions and have petitions executed.	§ 3002(d)
January 20, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees) file the 2021 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(1)
March 4, 2022 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for candidates for school board elections to file notice of candidacy	Title 14 § 1075(a)
May 6, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(2)
May 9, 2022 by 12:00 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(3)
May 10, 2022	<b>School Board Elections</b> <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>	Title 14 § 1072(c)

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May 10, 2022 by 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted School Board Election absentee ballots to the Department of Elections County Office conducting the election.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(4)
May 12, 2022 [tentative] [but, in no event, later than May 25, 2022]	Certification of the School Board Election results by each of the Department of Elections County Offices conducting the election.	Title 14 § 1083(a)
Within 48 hours of the certification of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audit of the School Board Election results from randomly selected voting machines using the selection criteria in § 5012A(b) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(b)&(d)
Within 96 hours of the certification of the School Board Election results	<b>DEADLINE</b> for 25 or more persons who voted in a School Board Election to request, in accordance with 14 <i>Del. C.</i> § 1083(e), a recompilation of the results.	Title 14 § 1083(e)
May 27, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> to change political party affiliation before the State Primary Election.	§ 2049(a)
July 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the respective state and county chairpersons of each major political party to notify State Election Commissioner and respective Department of Election County Offices of filing fees.	§ 3103(c)
July 12, 2022 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> to file for a statewide office with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections office for the county in which the candidate resides.	§ 3101(1) § 3106
July 15, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for petitions to be circulated and executed by candidates unaffiliated with a political party.	§ 3002(d)
July 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees.	§ 3101(2) § 3106(c)
Within 60 days of the certification of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of the School Board Election results from randomly selected voting machines using the selection criteria in § 5012A(c) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(c)&(d)
Within 60 days of each of the audits of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections publishes report of School Board Election audit results and posts the report on the Department's website.	§ 5012A(e)

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August 1, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for minor political parties to select candidates at their state or county nominating convention.	§ 3301(e)
Within 10 business days of Minor Political Party Convention	<b>DEADLINE</b> for a minor party to file certificates of nomination for the candidates nominated at its convention. Certificates of nomination for federal and statewide offices are filed with the State Elections Commissioner and certificates of nomination for all other office are filed with the Department of Elections for all other offices.	§ 3301(e)
August 14, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the September 13, 2022 Primary Election.	§ 5403(a)
August 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 13, 2022 Primary Election ballot and all other committees.	§ 8030(b)(2)
August 16, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which include candidate committees of candidates on the September 13, 2022 Primary Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 30-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(2)
August 20, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the September 13, 2022 Primary Election (this includes dates of postmarks on mailed applications and dates applications are taken by authorized agencies).	§ 2036
August 23, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for minor political parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to place their respective candidates on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot.	§ 3001
August 29, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the September 13, 2022 Primary Election.	§ 1902(c)
September 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for major political party officials to file Certificates of Nomination for candidates for offices for which no member of their party has filed for Statewide elective office with the State Election Commissioner, and for all other elective offices with the respective Department of Elections County Office.	§ 3303

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September 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unaffiliated candidates to submit sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions for Statewide elective office to the State Election Commissioner, and for all other elective offices to the respective Department of Elections County Office.	§ 3002(b)
September 5, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 13, 2022 Primary Election ballot and all other committees (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(b)(3)
September 7, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of September 13, 2022 Primary Election candidates, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 8-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(3)
September 9, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to mail absentee ballots for the September 13, 2022 Primary Election.	§ 5504(b)
September 10, 2022	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
September 12, 2022 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to issue absentee ballots for the September 13, 2022 Primary Election.	§ 5503(a)
<b>September 13, 2022</b>	<p><b>Primary Election</b>  <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.</b></p>	<b>§ 3101(3)</b> <b>§ 3104</b> <b>§ 3110</b>
September 13, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the September 13, 2022 Primary Election to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)
September 15, 2022 by 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for State Board of Elections to convene to examine disputes related to September 13, 2022 Primary Election. (Any protests or objections must be filed by this time.)	§ 3172(b)
September 15, 2022	Department of Elections certifies the results of the September 13, 2022 Primary election in the County Office for the respective county.	§ 3172

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Within 48 hours of the certification of the Primary Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of Primary Election results of one randomly selected voting machine in each county and all voting machines in one randomly selected election district in the City of Wilmington, using the selection criteria outlined in Title 15 §5012A(b).	§ 5012A(b)
September 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for people to file a Write-In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices (General Assembly and county) with the respective County Office in which the election is to be held.	§ 3402(c)
October 9, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the November 8, 2022 General Election.	§ 5403(a)
October 9, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of candidates on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(2)
October 11, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of candidates on the November 8, 2022 General Election candidates, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 30-Day General Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(2)
October 15, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the November 8, 2022 General Election (this includes dates of postmarks on mailed applications and dates applications are taken by authorized agencies).	§ 2036
October 24, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the November 8, 2022 General Election.	§ 1902(c)
October 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of all candidates on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(3)

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November 2, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of all candidates on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 8-Day General Report (must be electronically filed through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(3)
November 4, 2022	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election.	§ 5504(b)
November 5, 2022	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
November 7, 2022 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election.	§ 5503(a)
<b>November 8, 2022</b>	<b>General Election</b> <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>	<b>DEL. CONST.</b> <b>ART. V § 1</b>
November 8, 2022 at 8 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election to the Department of Elections Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)
November 10, 2022 at 10 a.m.	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court to certify the results of the November 8, 2022 General Election.	DEL. CONST. ART V, § 6 § 5701
Within 48 hours of the certification of the General Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of General Election results from one randomly selected voting machine in each county, and results of all voting machines in one randomly selected election district in the City of Wilmington, using selection criteria in § 5012A(b) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(b)
Within 60 days of the certification of the Primary Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of Primary Election results from randomly selected voting machines in each county, and the results of one randomly selected voting machine in the City of Wilmington, using selection criteria in § 5012A(c)(1) & (c)(2) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(c)
Within 60 days of each of the Primary Election audits conducted by the Department of Elections	Department of Elections publishes report of Primary Election audit results and posts the report on the Department's website.	§ 5012A(e)

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Within 60 days of each of the General Election audits conducted by the Department of Elections	Department of Elections publishes report of audit results and posts the report on the Department's website	§ 5012A(e)
January 20, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees). to file the 2022 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	§ 8030(c)(1)

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